

American. What many regard as the greatest feat in World War II occurred between 3:50 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., March 7, 1945, which was 50 years ago this afternoon, when the Ninth Armored Division of Company A, the 1st Battalion, 27th Armored Infantry Regiment of the United States Army crossed the Rhine River at the Ludendorff Bridge near Remagen, Germany. This crossing gave the Allied Forces in Europe control of a key strategic point in their drive to conquer Nazi forces. And General Dwight D. Eisenhower later described the ten minutes between 3:50 and 4:00 p.m. on March 7th, 1945, "the most momentous in combat history". This crossing took place in the face of Nazi attempts to destroy the bridge with explosives, thereby posing great danger to the 9th Army Division. Lieutenant Karl Timmermann of West Point, Nebraska led the American force which seized the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen on March 7, 1945. In the 24 hours after Lieutenant Timmermann and his forces secured the Ludendorff Bridge, nearly 8,000 troops were able to cross to the eastern bank of the Rhine, thereby expanding the bridgehead. Prior to this action at Remagen, Lieutenant Timmermann fought at the Battle of the Bulge and was wounded. For his leadership, courage and service to his country, Lieutenant Timmermann was awarded the second highest honor, the Distinguished Service Cross. On March 7, 1995, today, marks the 50th anniversary of the 9th Armored Division's and Lieutenant Timmermann's heroic action. Churches in West Point, Nebraska will ring their bells between 3:50 and 4:00 p.m. this afternoon on March 7, 1945 (sic), in recognition of Lieutenant Timmermann's role in the decisive defeat at Remagen. And whereas Governor Ben Nelson has declared March 7, 1995, Lieutenant Karl H. Timmermann Day in Nebraska. Now therefore be it resolved by the members of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of Nebraska, First Session, that the Nebraska Legislature recognizes Lieutenant Karl Timmermann for his heroic service to his country. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Robinson. On LR 63, Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. It's a great honor to be able to introduce this particular resolution to me this morning and celebrate the prowess of the Cambridge Girls' Basketball team, who have the state's longest girls' winning streak in 73, have just completed their third straight state championship. These young ladies have accomplished what no other team in this state has done and I would like you to join me in congratulating them for their accomplishments. Thank